

Senate Resolution 1624

By: Senator Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Family Promise, Inc.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Family Promise, Inc., was established on October 27, 1986, as the first
3 Interfaith Hospitality Network in Summit, New Jersey, by Karen Olson; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the success of several Family Promise networks led to the establishment of the
5 national Family Promise network, which was formed in 1988; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Family Promise is a family service organization committed to helping families
7 experiencing homelessness and uplifting them to realize their full potential; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the national Family Promise network has over 160 affiliates in 39 states across
9 this nation, with over 120,000 volunteers from 5,000 religious congregations working
10 diligently to break the cycle of homelessness for children and their families; and
- 11 WHEREAS, 77 percent of the families that entered the Family Promise network's program
12 found sustainable housing; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Family Promise provides safe shelter so families can stay together and pick up
14 the pieces of their lives; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Family Promise provides intensive case management by assisting participants
16 in finding housing and jobs; and
- 17 WHEREAS, this amazing organization provides volunteers with the opportunity to impact
18 homelessness directly and provides congregations with a chance to perform outreach and
19 strengthen fellowship; and

20 WHEREAS, Family Promise networks work with existing service providers in communities
21 to ensure effective and efficient delivery of needed services and to control the duplication of
22 services; and

23 WHEREAS, Family Promise has become a catalyst for other community initiatives, and the
24 work of this fine organization and its affiliates is worthy of recognition.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the member of this body
26 recognize Family Promise, Inc., for its amazing work reducing homelessness in the United
27 States and providing communities with a means of reaching out to their neighbors during
28 times of need.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Family Promise, Inc.